

# CSWC Operational Period Summary

## 1800 April 3 2015 to 0600 April 4 2015



Tunnel View, from Yosemite National Park, shortly after sunrise.  
Photo Credit: Matthew Crowley Photography

Note: Report changes/updates are in blue



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# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought**

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

## **Weather of Concern**

- An active weather pattern could begin as early as Saturday night, lasting through Wednesday, bringing light to moderate rain, gusty winds and lower elevation snow for most of California.
- Potential Impacts for Northern California:
  - Sharp rapid rises on the main stem rivers though expected to remain below flood stage
  - Tributary creeks and small rivers will have rapid moderate rises
  - Flooding can be expected in low-lying areas and areas with poor drainage. This is mainly Monday afternoon through Tuesday morning
  - Rock and mudslides along highways and county roads in mountainous terrain are possible
  - Snow levels down to around 2500 feet possible Saturday through Sunday and 3000/4000 feet Tuesday and Wednesday
  - Freeze Watch is in effect from late Sunday night through Monday morning for portions of Siskiyou County.
- Potential Impacts for Southern California
  - Strong winds for ridges, passes, desert slopes and deserts Saturday through Tuesday
  - Rain and snow showers Tuesday and Wednesday over and West of the mountains
  - Snow levels at 5000 to 6000 feet
  - Red Flag Warning in effect from late Saturday afternoon to Sunday afternoon for the Sierra and Owens Valley of Inyo and Tulare Counties.

**Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:** [http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa\\_bc\\_cal.php](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php)

# WEATHER

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:**

#### **Eureka Weather:**

Today will be the last day of drier weather before an unseasonably cold upper level trough brings precipitation, lower snow levels, and isolated thunderstorms to the region starting tonight. The active weather pattern will continue through Tuesday before drying by the middle of next week.

#### **Medford Weather:**

A cold and showery system will bring significant snow to the cascades and Siskiyou's Saturday night through Sunday. Snow levels will start out around 4000 feet Saturday night, then lowering between 3000 and 3500 feet Sunday. Initially the snow will be light, less than an inch, but snowfall rates will pick up Sunday. 4 to 6 inches of snow are expected Sunday through Sunday night, with as much as 8 inches in areas that typically get heavier snow. Snow will continue into Monday, but amounts will be lighter.

#### **Reno Weather:**

A cold Pacific storm will bring rain and snow showers along with gusty winds late today through Monday morning. Winter driving conditions are likely on Sunday for Sierra passes. Another cold storm is possible on Tuesday with well below normal temperatures from Sunday through the middle of next week.

#### **San Francisco Weather:**

A cold storm system approaching from the north will produce cool and active weather across the region over the next few days. The initial part of this system will generate scattered showers from late tonight through Sunday. The second portion of this storm system is expected to be stronger and is forecast to produce more widespread and significant rainfall from Monday afternoon through Tuesday evening. In addition, there is a potential for thunderstorms with small hail on Tuesday and Tuesday evening. Snow is forecast in the hills above 3500 feet.

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## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### **CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:**

#### **Sacramento Weather:**

Fair skies with high temperatures cooling to near normal today and below normal on Sunday as a Pacific frontal system moves through the region. This system will bring rain and mountain snow on Sunday. Periods of rain and mountain snow with below normal temperatures will continue into Wednesday. Warmer temperatures and drier weather are possible for the second half of the week.

#### **Hanford Weather:**

High pressure will remain over the region today allowing for slightly above normal temperatures. A weak low pressure system will move into the area on Sunday bringing cooler and unsettled weather with increased chances for mountain showers. A stronger system will arrive over the region on Tuesday again increasing chances for precipitation, especially over the Sierra Nevada crest.

#### **Southern California:**

#### **Los Angeles Weather:**

Fair weather will continue today. Onshore flow will bring cooling temperatures to the area Sunday into early next week. A colder upper low pressure system is expected to spread rain and some mountain snow to the region by Tuesday with possible precipitation lingering into Wednesday morning. Gradually warmer temperatures are expected by late next week as high pressure builds in.

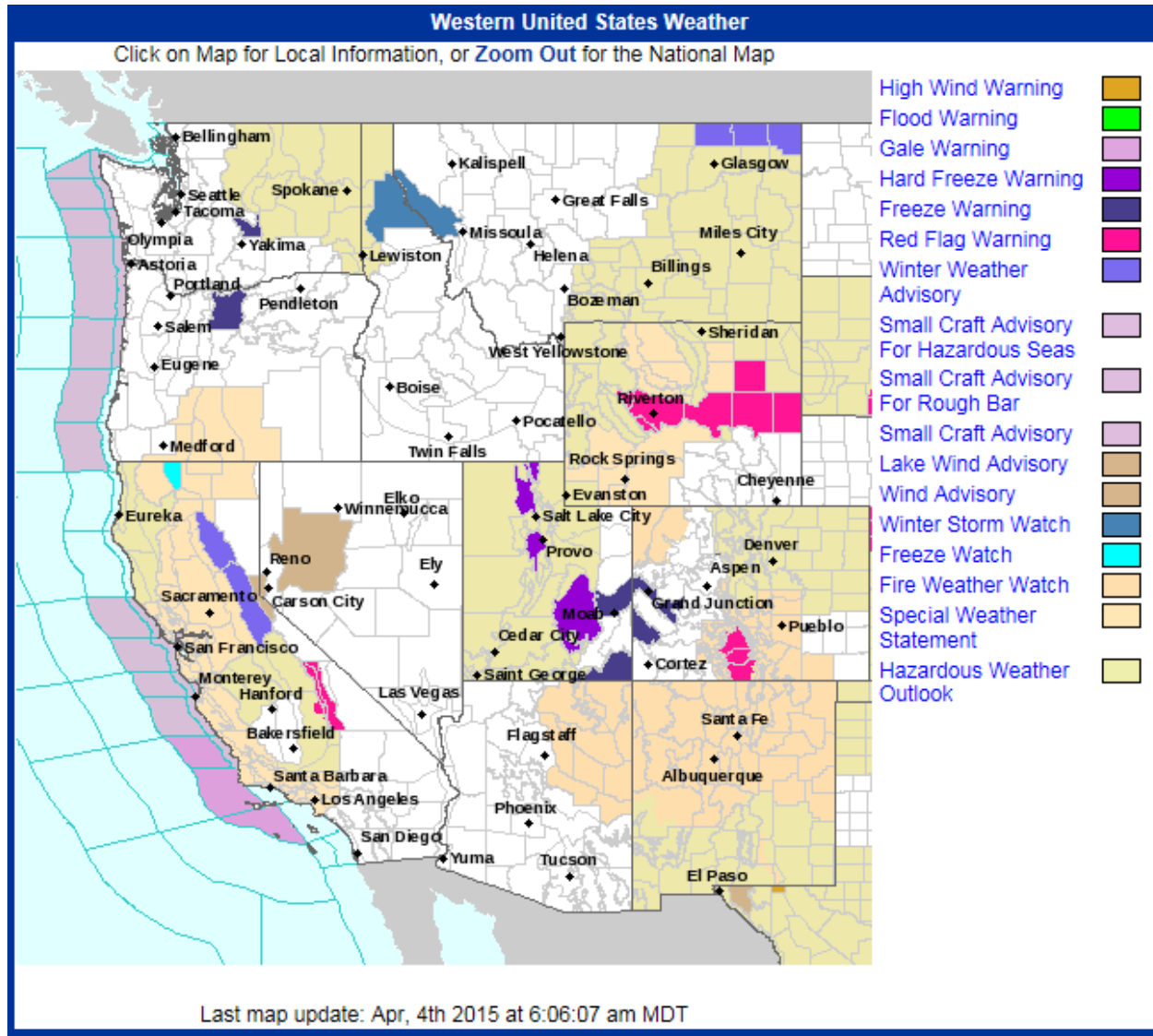
#### **Extreme Southwestern California including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:**

Today will be the last warm day for a while as Sunday through Wednesday will feature much cooler weather as a low pressure system deepens along the west coast. This cold storm will bring a chance for rain and high elevation mountain snow Tuesday into Wednesday. Drier and warmer late next week as high pressure aloft builds back over the southwest.

#### **Southeast California Weather:**

Weak high pressure will prevail through the weekend providing mostly clear skies and warmer than normal temperatures. A seasonably strong weather system forecast to move through the great basin into the four corners region during the middle of next week will bring cooler temperatures and locally gusty winds to the region. This will result in high temperatures falling back to near normal values.

# STATE WEATHER MAP



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# **FIRE ACTIVITY**



## **Preparedness Levels**

### **National Preparedness Level 1**

#### **Northern California**

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

#### **Southern California**

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

## **California Fire Potential & Weather Maps**

### **Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

### **Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

### **California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings**

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

### **NWS California River Forecast Center:**

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

# **RECOVERY ACTIVITIES**

## **Round Fire, Mono County**

- Site sampling and hazardous materials recovery of the affected properties began 03/14/15. Cal Recycle began debris removal operations 03/23/15.
- An Applicant's Briefing will be held on 04/03/15 at 1300 hours, at the Lee Vining Community Center, to discuss the eligibility and guidelines of the CDAA program.

# **CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT**

## **Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought**

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a monthly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Cal OES Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls continue to occur on a bi-weekly basis.



# CAL OES MISSIONS

## New Cal OES Missions

- **2015-LAW-9422 4/3/15, 2200hrs.**, AFRCC, Maj. Hedrick, locate and silence a ELT sounding near the Sacramento Airport, Sacramento County. Cal OES Law Enforcement Branch is coordinating the resources.

## Ongoing Cal OES Missions

- **2015-LAW-9408 4/2/15, 1600 hours**, Yuba County SO is requesting an HRD K-9 to search a small area for the remains of a person missing since January, 2015. An informant provided detailed information that the MP is buried in a shallow grave near a levee in an area listed as LES due to the ongoing investigation. The Cal OES Law Branch will coordinate the response.
- **2015-LAW-9350, 03/31/15, 2021 hours**, Lake County Sheriffs Department (LCSD) is requesting side scan sonar team to locate a subject presumed drowned. Cal OES Law Enforcement Branch is coordinating the resources. **Update: 4/1/15, 1630 hours.** LCSD advised the Santa Clara SO team captured several images on the side scan sonar which will be investigated further Thursday by the LCSO dive team. An additional request for a water certified Human Remains Detection canine was coordinated by the Cal OES Law Enforcement branch for a response on Thursday morning. **Update: 4/1, 2100 hours**, Cal OES K-9 coordinator confirmed he had secured 1 K-9 for the AM and 2 backup K-9's for the PM and/or Friday. Cal OES Law Branch directed the side scan images captured by Santa Clara SO to Mr. Gene Ralston, who was teaching a side scan class in Butte County and advised there is sufficient reason to investigate this image more closely. This information was relayed to both Santa Clara SO and Lake SO.
- **2015-LAW-9018, 03/30/15, 1600 hours, (Reopened)** Solano County Sheriff's Department (SCSD) is requesting resources to locate the remains of a cold case missing person from several years ago. SCSD is requesting 2 Cadaver search dog teams. Cal OES Law Enforcement Branch is coordinating the search dog response. This search will take place on Wednesday, 4/01/15 at 0800 hours.



**Mission:**

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

*We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.*